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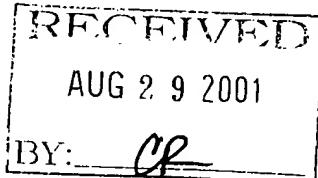
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION
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DUE DATE <u>10/27/01</u>
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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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- The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 10/09/2001 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 08/27/2001 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.
- The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).
- A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.
- The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.
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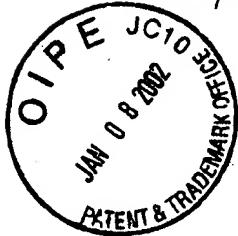
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Applicant: WILLIAM D. SUVAL

Serial No.: 09/905,735

Filed: July 12, 2001

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
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Art Unit: 3736

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

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Sir:

In response to the Notice Of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional), mailed November 2, 2001, and the Notice To File Missing Parts Of Application, mailed August 27, 2001 (copies enclosed), the period for response to which has been extended to December 27, 2001, by the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time, the Applicant hereby submits substitute drawings (three sheets) in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84. No new matter has been added.

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The Commissioner of Patents is authorized to charge any amount due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0639. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures: 1. Substitute Drawing Sheets (Figs. 1-9)
2. Copy of Notice of Incomplete Reply mailed November 2, 2001
3. Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts mailed August 27, 2001
4. Copy of Check No. 525205 for \$200 for extension of time fee